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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5725.0593-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Nghi VAN NGUYEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
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Application No.: 09/931,912 ) Examiner: E. Elhilo  
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Filed: August 20, 2001 )  
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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE )  
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST )  
ONE REDUCING AGENT, AND )  
METHODS FOR RELAXING HAIR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004, please reconsider the  
above-identified application in light of the following:

**Remarks/Arguments** follow on page 2 of this paper.